

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

Certification Of Facsimile Transmission

SEP 20 2006

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile  
transmitted to (571) 273-8300 at the U.S. Patent and  
Trademark Office on September 20, 2006.

  
Frances Doyle

Attorney Docket No.: 100809-00228 (SCEI 16.077A)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Inventor : Akio OHBA  
Serial No. : 10/723,874  
Filed : November 26, 2003  
Title : **IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE AND METHOD, AND  
DISTRIBUTION MEDIUM**  
Examiner : Sheela C. Chawan  
Group Art Unit : 2624

September 20, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE**

Madam:

Applicant's attorneys submit the following response to the Office Action of August 25,  
2006.